

EPA WEEKLY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Week of May 26, 2014

Priorities

Announcements - Presidential Priorities

- Economy/Job creation
- Gun violence
- Immigration
- Climate/Energy

On May 29, Region 2 Administrator Judith Enck is scheduled to speak at the annual Region 2 Conference at Columbia University School of Law. Remarks will highlight EPA's progress in the region over the past year, with special emphasis on climate change and significant, related Agency initiatives. Open Press, New York, NY.

As early as early June, pending completion of OMB review, EPA expects to issue two separate proposed rules for fossil fuel-fired electric generating units (EGUs). For existing fossil fuel-fired EGUs, EPA expects to propose emission guidelines for states to use in developing plans to address greenhouse gas emissions. For modified and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric EGUs, EPA expects to propose setting separate carbon dioxide emission standards.

On June 11, Region 3 Administrator Shawn Garvin is scheduled to participate in the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) 2014 Annual Meeting. The OTC is organized under the Clean Air Act and brings together state environmental protection commissioners, and other officials, from Virginia to Maine to advise EPA on transport issues. Closed Press, Baltimore, MD.

On June 16, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to meet with Flint Hills to discuss GHG permitting and climate change. (EPA is currently reviewing comments for a federal GHG permit for the facility; Flint Hills is an independent refining, chemicals and biofuels company.) The permit would authorize a project to add and modify certain equipment to enable the facility to process a larger percentage of domestic (versus foreign) crude oil. Closed Press, Dallas, TX.

On June 23, Region 3 Administrator Shawn Garvin is scheduled to host a roundtable discussion with mayors from throughout Delaware to discuss climate change and its impacts. Closed Press, Location TBD.

ACA Implementation

Announcements - Department/Agency Priorities

Principal Schedules

During the week of May 26, the Administrator is scheduled for the following events:

- On May 27, the Administrator is scheduled to announce an award of \$9 million to six universities to research cleaner technologies and fuels for cooking, lighting, and heating homes in the developing world. Open Press, Washington, DC.
- On May 28, the Administrator is scheduled to travel to Minnesota for the following meetings:
 - The Administrator and Region 5 Administrator/Great Lakes National Program Manager Susan Hedman are scheduled to participate in a roundtable discussion with local groups to highlight EPA's action on climate change. Open Press, St. Paul, MN.
 - The Administrator is scheduled to meet with Elizabeth Kautz, Mayor of the City of Burnsville (MN). Mayor Kautz will lead the Administrator on a tour of a local landfill (superfund site). Closed Press.
 - The Administrator is scheduled to meet with St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman. The Administrator will join the Mayor for a press event as well as a closed press roundtable (details forthcoming).
 - The Administrator also plans to stop by a Local Government Advisory Committee meeting to deliver brief remarks on Waters of the U.S. proposed rule. Closed Press, Burnsville, MN.
- On May 31, the Administrator is scheduled to deliver keynote remarks at the 77th Annual Ducks Unlimited Convention on Waters of the U.S. proposed rule, climate, and what it means for the places where people hunt and fish. Open Press, St. Louis, MO.

During the week of May 26, the Deputy Administrator is not scheduled for any external events.

On May 26, Senior Policy Advisor for the Office of Water Ellen Gilinsky is scheduled to speak at the London Protocol Convention, discussing EPA science and water priorities. Open Press, New Orleans, LA.

On May 27, Region 4 Administrator Heather McTeer Toney is scheduled to participate in the following events regarding the Farm Worker Protection Standards rule:

- Tour of Kerry's Nursery, together with representatives from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Closed Press, Homestead, FL.
- Roundtable with representatives from farmworker advocacy groups and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Closed Press, Florida City, FL.

On May 27, Region 8 Administrator Shaun McGrath is scheduled to hold a conference call with staff from Senator Michael Bennet's office, regarding EPA's role in compliance and oversight of the White Mesa uranium mill in southwestern Colorado. Closed Press.

On May 27, Region 3 Administrator Shawn Garvin is scheduled to meet with Edwin Kee, Secretary of the Delaware Department of Agriculture, to discuss Chesapeake Bay agriculture issues. Closed Press, Philadelphia, PA.

On May 27, Region 10 Administrator Dennis McLerran is scheduled to give a speech at the Washington Clean Tech Alliance's Climate Series Luncheon entitled, "The Climate Series: Science, Policy, and Implications for the Business Community." The Alliance has partnered with the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce to host these lunches. Closed Press, Seattle, WA.

On May 27, Region 10 Administrator Dennis McLerran is scheduled to meet with representatives of the potentially responsible parties at the Quendall Terminals Superfund Site near Seattle, to discuss the status of the cleanup. Closed Press, Seattle, WA.

On May 27- May 30, Acting Assistant Administrator of Water Nancy Stoner is scheduled to attend the Aspen Nicholas Water Forum to discuss challenges and opportunities of water resource management. Closed Press, Aspen, CO.

On May 28, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for International and Tribal Affairs Jane Nishida is scheduled to participate in a meeting of the Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee to review recommendations to improve trade policy and promotion. Open Press, Washington, DC.

On May 28, Region 4 Administrator Heather McTeer Toney is scheduled to tour the Covanta Energy facility. The tour will include the facility's waste disposal to energy technology. Closed Press, Doral, FL.

On May 28, Region 1 Administrator Curt Spalding is scheduled to participate in the Green Difference Awards hosted by the Massachusetts Green Schools Organization at the Massachusetts State House. The Regional Administrator will be accepting an award that is being given to EPA Administrator McCarthy for her outstanding commitment to environmental education. There are other awards being presented at the event, including an award to MA Governor Patrick for his outstanding commitment to Greenovation (GREEN and STEM and Innovation). Open Press, Boston, MA.

On May 28, Region 4 Administrator Heather McTeer Toney is scheduled to hold a roundtable on EPA priorities, with representatives from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and environmental groups. Invited environmental groups include representatives from the Sierra Club, Everglades Foundation, waterkeepers, and Climate Action Network. The roundtable will

be an opportunity to discuss national and regional priorities, as well as a number of hot topics including the proposed Waters of the U.S. Rule and climate change. Closed Press, Hollywood, FL.

On May 28, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to meet with representatives from several New Mexico state agencies to discuss the EPA hydraulic fracturing study. This is one of a series of meetings between EPA and state agencies, regarding the Agency's study of potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources. The draft report is anticipated in late 2014. Closed Press, Santa Fe, NM.

On May 28, Region 3 Administrator Shawn Garvin is scheduled to join Colin O'Mara, Secretary of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, and representatives from the Delaware Department of Education, at the Brandywine Springs Elementary/Middle School for a ceremony recognizing the Red Clay School District for its selection as a Green Ribbon School. Open Press, Wilmington, DE.

On May 28, Region 3 Administrator Shawn Garvin is scheduled to meet with Vanessa Pierce, Eastern Regional Director of the Sierra Club, to discuss issues including air and water impacts of fossil fuel extraction and combustion. Closed Press, Philadelphia, PA.

On May 28, Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Great Lakes Cameron Davis is scheduled to participate in a meeting of the Great Lakes Advisory Board, the committee established under FACA to advise EPA and the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force on ways to strengthen the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and its scientific foundation. Open Press, Chicago, IL.

On May 29, Acting Assistant Administrator Renee Wynn is scheduled to attend the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Bethesda's 7th Annual Government-Wide Initiatives Excellence Awards, where she is a finalist for the "Excellence in Mission" awards. Open Press, Washington, DC.

On May 29, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to attend the Rural Waters Association roundtable with Agriculture Executive Directors from TX, AR, OK, NM and LA. Topics to be discussed include drought and climate change. Closed Press, Dallas, TX.

On May 29, Region 4 Administrator Heather McTeer Toney is scheduled to meet with the City Manager of Palm Bay, FL. The City Manager is a member of the Local Government Advisory Committee and requested the Regional Administrator visit their wastewater treatment facility, as well as discuss infrastructure needs. Closed Press, Palm Bay, FL.

On May 29, Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Chesapeake Bay and Anacostia River Jeff Corbin is scheduled to be the featured speaker at the Federal Water Quality Association Scholarship and Awards Luncheon. Mr. Corbin will be discussing the problems facing the

Chesapeake Bay and President Obama's Bay Restoration Initiative, as well as the need for young professionals to pursue careers in science and technology. Closed Press, Washington, DC.

On May 30, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention Jim Jones is scheduled to give the closing keynote at the Green Chemistry & Commerce Council Innovators Roundtable. He will discuss the existing chemicals program with a particular emphasis on data availability, Design for the Environment, and promoting green chemistry. Closed Press, St. Paul, MN.

On May 30, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for International and Tribal Affairs Jane Nishida is scheduled to deliver keynote remarks at the Maryland Department of Environment Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration. She will discuss EPA's engagements in countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Closed Press, Baltimore, MD.

On May 30, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to participate in a press event with Mayor Rawlings of Dallas, Mayor Martinez of Corpus Christi, representatives from the Wyland Foundation, and representatives from Toyota to recognize the Cities of Dallas and Corpus Christi as the 2014 winners of the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. The Wyland Foundation hosted the challenge with Toyota as a national presenting partner. Residents from 1,000 cities across the country made online pledges to save a total of 4.7 billion gallons of water over the year with a potential cost savings of \$11.6 million. Open Press, Dallas, TX.

During the week of May 26, the following events are scheduled regarding the Waters of the U.S. proposed rule:

- On May 27, Region 8 Administrator Shaun McGrath is scheduled to attend an event with representatives from New Belgium Brewery and local watershed advocates, underscoring the importance of the Agency's proposed Clean Water Act rule and solicit support from local citizens, businesses and stakeholders. The event will feature a bike ride and wetlands visit. Open Press, Fort Collins, CO.
- On May 28, Region 5 Administrator/Great Lakes National Program Manager Susan Hedman is scheduled to participate in a listening session sponsored by EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee to seek input on the Agency's recently proposed rule to clarify the Clean Water Act definition of "Waters of the United States." Senior Policy Advisor for the Office of Water Ellen Gilinsky is also scheduled to speak. (As previously noted, Administrator McCarthy is also scheduled to make remarks.) Open Press, St. Paul, MN.
- On May 28, Region 4 Administrator Heather McTeer Toney is scheduled to conduct press interviews with media outlets in Miami and Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- On May 29, Region 4 Administrator Heather McTeer Toney is scheduled to participate in a tour of Adam's Ranch in Fort Pierce, FL. Adams Ranch is one of the largest cattle ranches in the U.S. She will also participate in a roundtable discussion with local farmers and representatives from the Florida Department of Environmental

Protection and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
Closed Press, Fort Pierce, FL.

Week Look-Ahead

By May 25, the Tri-Chair Working Group (EPA, DHS, OSHA) plans to submit its report to the President on Executive Order 13650, Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security. The report summarizes Working Group progress, focusing on actions to date, findings and lessons learned, challenges, and next steps.

On May 27, Region 5 Superfund Director Rick Karl is scheduled to join Rep. Fred Upton, Kalamazoo Mayor Bobby Hopewell and representatives from the offices of Senators Levin and Stabenow for a tour of the Allied Paper Landfill in Kalamazoo, MI. This landfill is the largest of four disposal areas in the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site, which includes five former paper mill properties and more than 80 miles of the Kalamazoo River and Portage Creek, all contaminated with PCBs. EPA is currently evaluating cleanup alternatives for the landfill ranging from consolidation and capping (\$41 million) to complete removal (\$189 million). Open Press, Kalamazoo, MI.

By May 28, EPA expects to sign a final rule that revises the export provisions of the Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) final rule under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). These changes will allow the Agency to obtain additional information to better track exports of CRTs for reuse and recycling in order to ensure safe management of these materials. The Interagency Task Force on Electronics Stewardship, which consists of 16 federal agencies, recommended these changes in its report titled National Strategy for Electronics Stewardship (NSES) (July 20, 2011). The final rule fulfills an EPA commitment towards the Task Force's goal to reduce harm from U.S. exports of e-waste and improve the safe handling of used electronics in developing countries.

On May 28, EPA expects to announce about 238 communities will receive a total of \$61.8 million in brownfields funding to clean and redevelop contaminated properties, boost local economies and leverage jobs while protecting public health and the environment. The grants will give communities and businesses a chance to return economic stability to under-served and economically disadvantaged neighborhoods through the assessment and clean-up of abandoned industrial and commercial properties. EPA regions will amplify this announcement with local events, including Region 10 awarding more than \$2.5 million in grants in Oregon, Idaho and Washington; Region 3 awarding \$199,205 to the Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA) in Philadelphia, PA.

On May 29, the U.S. State Department plans to sponsor a visit to EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office by a group of international journalists from the Foreign Press Center. They will discuss the Bay restoration partnership and new Voluntary Watershed Agreement. The

contingent is also visiting with other Bay restoration partners throughout the day. Open Press, Annapolis, MD.

By May 30, EPA expects to complete the following commitments, affecting tribal waters in and around Limestone, ME. (1) Regarding a vehicle renovation facility on the former Loring Air Force Base, which is permitted under a Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) and whose drainage impacts tribal lands: EPA will request the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for the facility and determine generally if notification to the tribe is required for notices of intent that facilities apply for under the MSGP; and (2) EPA will review the current Limestone Publicly Operated Treatment Works Maine National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit and determine if there is potential for degradation of tribal waters into which the effluent is discharged as a result of the new Maine Water Quality Standard arsenic standard.

By May 30, Region 1 expects to release a proposed cleanup plan for public comment on the General Electric-Housatonic Rest of River project in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Following the plan's release, EPA will hold a series of public informational meetings, which will be followed by a public comment period and public hearing in the summer and early fall.

On May 30, Region 4 plans to participate in the dedication of the pedestrian/vehicular bridge that will be named the "Maxine Herring Parker" pedestrian/vehicular bridge in the North Birmingham neighborhood of Collegeville. The bridge is a direct result of community residents seeking relief from ingress/egress issues. Acting Deputy Regional Administrator Anne Heard and the Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation will attend the dedication. Open Press.

On May 30, EPA plans to propose a rule addressing the risk and technology review of the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Off-Site Waste and Recovery Operations. EPA is proposing to require more stringent provisions for some tanks and to retain the provisions that require lower leak detection limits for valves, pump seals and connector monitoring.

On May 30, EPA plans to propose supplemental amendments to the air toxics standards covering the ferroalloys production source category. EPA initially promulgated the ferroalloys air toxics standard in May 1999. It currently covers two facilities located in Marietta, OH and Letart, WV.

On May 30, EPA expects to withdraw from the implementation rules for the 1997 8-hour ozone standards and for the 1997 fine particle standards any presumption or determination that compliance with the requirements of the NO_x SIP Call or the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) automatically satisfies the requirements for reasonably available control technology (RACT) or reasonably available control measures (RACM) for oxides of nitrogen or sulfur dioxide emissions from electric generating unit (EGU) sources located in ozone or PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas participating in these regional cap-and-trade programs.

By June 1, pending completion of OMB review, the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force (IATF) plans to release a draft Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan II (covering FY15-19) for public input. Though the IATF is not required to submit the draft for public input, it is expected to do so and will request that input be provided within 30 days of publication at <http://glri.us>. The IATF continues to work to release a final Action Plan by the end of FY14.

During the week of May 26, EPA expects to issue the “Draft Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Class VI Well Injection Depth Waivers Guidance” for public comment. This draft guidance describes the requirements and process for obtaining a waiver from the injection depth requirement of the Class VI Rule; outlines how injection depth waiver applications will be evaluated; and presents additional considerations for the management of geologic sequestration projects operating under injection depth waivers.

During the week of May 26, EPA expects to issue a proposed general permit for the discharge of sewage sludge known as biosolids, for Louisiana and for Arkansas. The permit intends to protect waters of the U.S. from improper discharge and provide coverage for municipal and domestic dischargers for the generation, treatment, and/or use/disposal of sewage sludge. These states do not have a delegated program for this type of discharge; therefore, EPA will be the permitting authority.

During the week of May 26, EPA expects notify grantees of the following awards totaling \$145,223,085:

- \$1,130,055 – Hazardous Substances Response Trust Fund – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona
- \$1,100,000 – Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona
- \$5,029,648 – Air Pollution Control Program Support – South Coast Air Quality Management District, California
- \$23,707,000 – State Revolving Fund – Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, Georgia
- \$14,348,000 – Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds – Indiana Finance Authority, Indiana
- \$33,790,000 – State Revolving Fund – Indiana Finance Authority, Indiana
- \$1,008,439 – State Public Water System Supervision – Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Louisiana
- \$15,827,000 – Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds – Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, Minnesota
- \$25,771,000 – State Revolving Fund – Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, Minnesota
- \$1,473,861 – Nonpoint Source Implementation Program – Oklahoma Office of the Secretary Energy and Environment, Oklahoma
- \$2,396,349 – Performance Partnership Grants – Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma

- \$4,500,000 – Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Demonstrations and Special Purpose Section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act – National Rural Water Association, Oklahoma
- \$1,818,330 – Consolidated Continuing Environmental Program Support – American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency, American Samoa
- \$7,362,000 – State Revolving Fund – Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Utah
- \$5,961,403 – Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program – National Older Worker Career Center, Virginia

As early as the week of May 26, EPA expects to release a final rule that conforms the listing of trustee designations for natural resources in the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan in accordance with Executive Order (E.O.) 13626, “Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration,” issued on September 10, 2012. E.O. 13626 designated the Administrator of EPA and the Secretary of USDA to act as additional trustees for Natural Resource Damage Assessment and restoration resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The designations were effective upon the President's action as reflected in the Executive Order. The rule does not create any new regulatory requirements and applies solely to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

As early as the week of May 26, EPA plans to seek stakeholder and public input on a framework document that outlines the Agency’s initial work on identifying and evaluating the potential lead hazards associated with the renovation of public and commercial buildings. EPA has developed the framework document as part of its commitment to propose a rule on lead hazards created in the renovation of public and commercial buildings by July 1, 2015, unless the Agency determines that these activities do not create lead-based paint hazards.

As early as the week of May 26, EPA expects to issue a final rule amending the EPA’s regulations for on-road and nonroad diesel engines. This final rule will provide temporary relief from normal emissions safeguards during an emergency in order to facilitate the use of general purpose nonroad diesel equipment as vital life-saving equipment.

As early as the week of May 26, pending completion of OMB review, EPA expects to issue a final rule establishing a voluntary quality assurance program to support the implementation of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program. Under the RFS program, producers and importers of renewable fuel generate Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) that are used by petroleum refiners and importers to demonstrate compliance with their renewable fuel volume obligations. This final rule will establish a voluntary quality assurance program to ensure RINs are appropriately generated. EPA expects the program to promote greater liquidity in the transfer and use of RINs, especially for smaller producers, helping to make the RFS program more efficient and effective.

As early as the week of May 26, EPA plans to release the 3rd edition of the climate change report, *Climate Change Indicators in the United States, 2014*. This report compiles high-quality, observed data from government agencies, academic institutions, non-governmental

organizations, and citizen scientists, to show long-term trends for 30 different measures of our environment related to greenhouse gases, weather and climate, oceans, snow and ice, health and society, and ecosystems.

As early as the week of May 26, pending completion of OMB review, EPA expects to finalize a rule, called “Pathways II,” to amend certain elements of the renewable fuels standard (RFS) program regulations, which will facilitate the introduction of new renewable fuels and improve implementation of the program. Through this rule, EPA will finalize requirements for determining the number of cellulosic biofuel RINs that should be generated for fuel made from a range of cellulosic feedstocks; modify regulatory provisions related to renewable fuel made from biogas, including new compressed natural gas (CNG)/liquefied natural gas (LNG) cellulosic and advanced biofuel pathways, and new cellulosic and advanced biofuel pathways for renewable electricity (used in electric vehicles) produced from biogas; clarify or amend a number of RFS compliance-related provisions, including changes to definitions and registration, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements; and make various changes to the E15 misfueling mitigation regulations and amends the ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD) survey provisions.

As early as May, pending the completion of OMB review, EPA expects to release the Urban Air Toxics Strategy Report to Congress. The Clean Air Act required EPA to submit two reports to Congress describing actions EPA has taken to reduce public health risks from urban air toxics. EPA issued the first Urban Air Toxics Report to Congress in 2000. The current report discusses EPA’s regulatory actions to address major, area and mobile sources of air toxics; identifies areas of the country that continue to experience elevated risks to public health as a result of emissions of air toxics; describes national, regional and community-based initiatives to address air toxics; and identifies the data gaps and limitations that affect our understanding of the emissions and impacts of air toxics.

Legal

On May 13, Hirst Enterprises, Inc., requested access to information concerning websites being viewed on government computers, viewing history, and emails related to youtube videos.

On May 13, the Competitive Enterprise Institute requested a copy of Office of General Counsel emails or texts citing or referring to Gina McCarthy and text messages or text messaging.

On May 13, the Daily Journal requested information on a possible Clean Water Act violation for some work that was performed by the Johnson County Surveyor's Office in Tracy Ditch, Indiana.

On May 14, E&E publishing requested a copy of an EPA memorandum of understanding that transferred a special agent from the criminal investigations division within the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance to EPA’s Office of Homeland Security.

30-60 Day Look-Ahead

On June 3, Region 3 Administrator Shawn Garvin is scheduled to meet with the mid-Atlantic states environmental secretaries to discuss state coordination issues including process efficiencies, worksharing, enforcement, climate change, and 111(d). Closed Press, Washington, DC.

On June 4, EPA expects to publish in the Federal Register a proposed stipulated injunction that would reinstitute streamside no-spray buffer zones around salmon supporting waters in California, Oregon and Washington for five pesticides (carbaryl, chlorpyrifos, diazinon, malathion and methomyl). The court, and not EPA, would be responsible for any action to enforce these buffer zones.

On June 5, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the 27th Annual Environmental, Health & Safety Seminar. The Texas Chemical Council and Association of Chemical Industry of Texas, in collaboration with the Louisiana Chemical Association and Louisiana Chemical Industry Alliance, hosts the seminar, which provides an opportunity to enhance regulatory knowledge, learn from best practices, network with industry peers, and hear from experts. The Regional Administrator will be talking about the Administrator's priorities and climate change. Closed Press, Galveston, TX.

On June 5, Region 9 Administrator Jared Blumenfeld is scheduled to present a Food Waste Recovery award to casino/hotel group MGM Grand in Las Vegas for efforts to reduce landfill waste. Open Press, Las Vegas, NV.

During the week of June 2, EPA intends to issue its final decision and Response to Comments on the remanded Goliad aquifer exemption in Texas. EPA held a public meeting on the proposed action on February 11 in Victoria, TX. In December 2013, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals approved EPA's motion to remand the exemption without vacatur.

As early as the week of June 2, EPA expects to announce and request comment on the preliminary regulatory determinations for five contaminants that are listed on the third Contaminant Candidate List. The five contaminants are: strontium, dimethoate, 1,3-dinitrobenzene, terbufos and terbufos sulfone. EPA is making preliminary determinations to regulate strontium in drinking water and not to regulate the remaining four contaminants. EPA expects to finalize these regulatory determinations in 2015.

In early June, Region 8 Administrator Shaun McGrath plans to publish an op-ed regarding the Waters of the U.S. proposed rule, focusing on conditions in Utah and South Dakota. In April, the Regional Administrator published a similar piece regarding conditions in Colorado, and on May 7, he published a piece in the Billings Gazette regarding conditions in Montana.

As early as early June, EPA intends to conduct a series of webinar listening sessions with key industry and NGO stakeholders on the redesign of the Design for the Environment (DfE) logo

for use in the DfE Safer Product Labeling Program. EPA's goal is to select a name and logo that more accurately communicates the program's efforts to advance the design of safer products and empower the consumer with information on how to make safer selections. This spring and summer, EPA will seek broader consumer and public input. Open Press.

As early as early June, EPA plans to expand its Guidelines for Preparing Economic Analyses with a new chapter that discusses how to consider environmental justice, children's environmental health and other factors in the economic analyses that are conducted for economically significant rules. Developed to assist EPA economists, the new chapter offers flexibility in accounting for different types of data, varying levels of resources, and other constraints when analyzing the potential economic impacts of rules while also introducing greater rigor and transparency.

On June 12, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to deliver the keynote at the Natural Gas Vehicle USA Conference & Expo. The Conference & Expo will include speakers and attendees from key operators driving the natural gas vehicle industry, leading natural gas utilities, producers and fleet operators investing in and developing natural gas vehicle infrastructure and vehicle adoption across North America. Also scheduled to speak are David Porter, Commissioner of the Texas Railroad Commission, and CEO's from the oil and gas industry. Closed Press, Houston, TX.

On June 12, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water Nancy Stoner, and Region 3 Administrator Shawn Garvin are scheduled to participate in at a series of events in Pennsylvania, to highlight the Waters of the U.S. proposed rule. Events include a roundtable with agriculture stakeholders. Roundtable: Closed Press; Other Activities: Open Press; Berks County, PA.

By June 15, Region 1 expects to review and comment on FERC's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Downeast LNG project. The FEIS is expected to be issued on May 15.

During the week of June 9, EPA Region 1 intends to submit for publication in the Federal Register a Notice of Availability of a revised draft of the Massachusetts Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES General Permit (GP) for public comment. Once final and in effect, this MS4 GP will establish revised and new requirements for about 290 municipalities and other state- and federally-owned properties in Massachusetts, reducing the discharge of pollutants in stormwater to publicly used rivers, streams, lakes, and marine waters. The permit will include new requirements consistent with approved total maximum daily loads (TMDLs), green infrastructure practices, and the national best management practices approach to regulating municipal stormwater discharges with NPDES permits.

On June 16, the Chesapeake Executive Council is scheduled to hold their annual meeting, signing a new Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. This is the first time that all seven jurisdictions will sign the Agreement, including the Headwater states – NY, WV and DE. (There

have been four Agreements since 1983.) Administrator McCarthy represents the entire federal family of agencies on the Council. Annapolis, MD.

On June 17-19, an SAB panel plans to meet to review a draft toxicological assessment for trimethylbenzenes (TMBs) developed for the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) program. TMBs, which are volatile hydrocarbons, are produced during petroleum refining and vehicle emissions are expected to be the major anthropogenic source of TMBs. Humans are exposed to these isomers primarily through breathing air containing TMB vapors, although ingestion through food or drinking water is also possible. Open Press, Arlington, VA.

On June 18, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to join representatives from several Oklahoma state agencies to discuss the EPA hydraulic fracturing study. This is one in a series of meetings conducted by EPA staff to update states on the Agency's study of potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources. The draft report is anticipated in late 2014. Closed Press, Tulsa, OK.

On June 18, Region 3 Administrator Shawn Garvin is scheduled to join Joseph Gill, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, to announce Green Streets grant recipients. Open Press, Baltimore, MD.

On June 19, Region 3 Administrator Shawn Garvin is scheduled to speak at a conference of the International Erosion Control Association. The Regional Administrator's remarks will focus on the role of green infrastructure in stormwater control. Open Press, Valley Forge, PA.

In mid-June, EPA expects to invite Mayors in 32 capital cities to apply for assistance through the Greening America's Capitals program. EPA provides sustainable design assistance to help capital cities develop their vision of environmentally friendly neighborhoods that provide multiple social, economic, and environmental benefits and that can serve as models for other cities across the state. A total of 18 capital cities and the District of Columbia have received assistance since the program began in 2010.

As early as mid-June, EPA intends to release for public comment a draft Design for the Environment (DfE) alternatives assessment update report on flame retardants used in flexible polyurethane foam. The report updates the Agency's 2005 alternatives assessment report developed by the DfE Furniture Flame Retardancy Partnership. The current report identifies flame retardant chemicals used to meet fire safety requirements for upholstered consumer products containing flexible polyurethane foam and updates flame retardant health and environmental profiles from the previous report with new information. This updated information should help provide safer approaches to fire safe furniture.

In mid-to-late June, the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office plans to publicly release the progress made by all Bay jurisdictions toward achieving the commitments contained in their

2012-2013 milestones to meet the goals of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. Also to be released is EPA's assessment of the jurisdictions' proposed 2014-2015 milestone commitments.

On June 24 and 25, Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks is scheduled to attend a Four State Directors meeting to coordinate with the directors of each state environmental agency. The four states are Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. Closed Press, Nebraska City, NE.

On June 25, Region 3 Administrator Shawn Garvin is scheduled meet with Secretary Chris Abruzzo and the senior management of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). PADEP will be providing a briefing on the state's oil and gas regulations, and both agencies will be exploring ways for better coordination and communication. Closed Press, Harrisburg, PA.

On June 25-27, EPA expects to host the June IRIS bimonthly public science meeting, providing an opportunity for public input and discussion on preliminary materials, including draft planning and scoping information, evidence tables, and exposure-response arrays, for two chemicals: inorganic arsenic and hexavalent chromium. Ninety percent of the arsenic used by U.S. industry is for wood preservation; it is also used in paints, drugs, dyes, soaps, metals, semi-conductors, agricultural applications, mining, and smelting. Hexavalent chromium is a metal that has been most commonly used to prevent rust and corrosion and can be found in a variety of commercial and industrial products, including paints, chrome plating, and steel production. Open Press, Arlington, VA.

On June 30, EPA expects to grant approval to an infrastructure SIP for the State of New Mexico for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). States are generally required to submit SIPs that provide for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement (the infrastructure) of a new or revised NAAQS within three years following the promulgation of the NAAQS. This infrastructure SIP submittal pertains to revisions to the lead NAAQS that were made effective on January 12, 2009. Publication of EPA's proposal in the Federal Register will begin a 30-day public comment period.

During the week of June 30, EPA plans to finalize the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit for the Middle Rio Grande area in the Albuquerque, NM. The permit requires run-off to be controlled within the water basin to maintain existing hydrology.

As early as late June, EPA expects to release a final risk assessment on several uses of trichloroethylene (TCE). This is the first final risk assessment conducted under EPA's TSCA WorkPlan chemicals effort that identified chemicals for review and assessment. The assessment identifies health risks for three particular uses: 1) to consumers when TCE is used as an aerosol degreaser, 2) to workers using TCE as a degreaser in small commercial shops, and 3) to workers in dry cleaning facilities when it is used as a stain removing agent. To address the risks from the degreasing use of TCE, EPA is planning a public workshop in mid-July, which will focus on how TCE is used as a degreaser, the process and efficacy considerations important to selecting

safer alternatives, solicit feedback on potential alternatives to TCE, and discuss safer engineering practices and technologies that can reduce exposure to TCE.

As early as the end of June, pending OMB review, EPA expects to issue its final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Small Vessel General Permit (sVGP) for discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels. The sVGP covers vessels smaller than 79 feet in length and will provide such vessels with necessary permit coverage in the event a Congressional moratorium expires in December 2014.

In June, EPA plans to host the third of three public meetings to discuss the Passaic River Superfund Site Proposed Plan. (The first meeting took place on May 7 in Newark, NJ, and the second on May 21, in Kearny, NJ.) Open Press, Belleville, NJ.

In June, Region 5 plans to comment on the Tier 2 Final EIS for the Illiana Corridor, a proposed tollway project that will link Chicago's far south suburbs with Will County, IL and Lake County, IN. In March, EPA rated the Tier 2 Draft EIS as "Environmental Concerns", raising concerns regarding wetlands, streams, air quality, and mitigation and recommended sustainability measures for stormwater, wildlife crossings, and land use.

In June, EPA expects to begin soil sampling and a geophysical survey of the Chemical Recycling Site in Wylie, TX. An emergency cleanup was done during the late 1980's, removing hazardous waste in drums and tanks from the bankrupt site, and redevelopment has renewed public interest in the site.

As early as early July, EPA expects to release the revised draft Integrated Risk Information System assessment of benzo[a]pyrene (BaP) for external peer review by EPA's Science Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee. BaP is a component of soot, coal tar, and crude petroleum products. It is created and released into the atmosphere when organic materials are burned (e.g., smoke from the burning of wood, coal, petroleum products, and cigarettes).

On July 8, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to participate in a listening session regarding the Waters of the U.S. with Mike Teague, Oklahoma Secretary of Energy & Environment. The listening session will include representatives from business and address their concerns regarding the new guidelines. Closed Press, Tulsa, OK.

On July 14-16, an SAB panel is scheduled to meet to review a draft toxicological assessment for ammonia developed for the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) program. Eighty percent of commercially produced ammonia is used in agricultural fertilizers with the remaining amount used for a variety of industrial purposes. Ammonia is listed as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 and ammonia is found at about 8% of hazardous waste sites on the National Priorities List. Ammonia is subject to reporting requirements for the Toxics Release Inventory under the

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 and to emergency planning requirements under section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act. Open Press, Arlington, VA.

During the week of July 14, EPA intends to propose a draft NPDES permit for Phase II Municipal Separate Sewer System (MS4) in the state of New Mexico (El Paso, Las Cruces, Las Lunas, Santa Fe and Farmington urbanized areas).

As early as mid-to-late July, EPA expects to release the revised draft Integrated Risk Information System assessment of ethylene oxide (EtO) for external peer review by EPA's Science Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee. EtO is used primarily as a chemical intermediate in the manufacturing of ethylene glycol, polyester, and a variety of other chemicals. EtO is also used as a sterilizing agent for medical and dental equipment and as a fumigating agent for spices, cosmetics, and library and museum materials.